

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 22, 2016

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. We will accept nominations until August 12, 2016.

Dates to Remember

August 1, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
August 8, 2016 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
August 9, 2016 – Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Meeting
August 11, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop and Budget Workshop
August 15, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
August 18, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer Memberships are available now. July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 (\$150.00) which includes tax.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- The renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- The next Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp has been re-scheduled for July 25-29, 2016. To sign-up contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:

- 2016 SUMMER CAMP 2nd Session is currently on-going... Please be aware of “our” kids around the Youth Center, Pool and Sweetest Town Playground!
- Both camps went on a field trip this week to the South Florida Science Museum & Aquarium in West Palm Beach.
- The C.S. Mott Pool is offering “Adult Swim” times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8pm. You must be 18 and over to swim and the cost is \$3.00.
- The trees leading up to the John Boy Auditorium were trimmed up this week of low hanging branches.
- The City of Clewiston Recreation Dept. has partnered with H.E. Hill Foundation, WAFC, Florida Community Health Centers Inc., Healthier Hendry/Glades Task Force and other Community volunteers and organizations to provide a “Back to School Bash” at the John Boy Auditorium on Saturday July 23rd from 10am - 2pm. School Supplies, backpacks, bike safety supplies, health screenings and healthy kids insurance information, child identification kits, haircut coupons, kid’s books, school bus safety tips, healthy nutrition tips and hurricane & disaster information will be FREE while supplies last...
- Men’s Softball and Co-Ed Softball leagues continue at Sugarland Sports Complex on Field #9 Mon-Thurs. evenings with games beginning at 7, 8 & 9pm.
- Men’s Basketball Leagues began play this week, Tues. and Thurs. evening at the Harlem Gym. Game times are 6, 7 & 8pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - July 22nd – Summer Camp Field Trip 8-3pm South Florida Science Museum
 - July 23rd – Back to School Bash 10am-2pm John Boy Auditorium
 - July 23rd – Birthday Party 3-8pm Youth Center
 - July 24th – Cougar Cheerleader Uniforms fitting 1-7pm Beardsley Room
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league or Summer K-5th AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

NOTICE: Electronics are now considered hazardous waste. Do not place these items by the road for collection. Staff is working with Hendry County to determine where these items can be taken for proper disposal. Call 983-1471 for updated information.

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts in quadrants (areas) of town are as follows:
SW Trap (Golf Course-Harlem area): 77;
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 43;
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 439; and
NW Trap (Berner Road area): 319.
Sprays are still running on schedule and continue to be effective. Hendry County is still ZIKA free.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff has been concentrating on keeping the grass mowed and trash off the streets in town the past few weeks. (2) A short run on pot holes at identified locations took care of problems found. Residents are reminded and asked to call 983-

1471 if they see any on our streets. This way we can get them repaired before they become a hazard. (3) Staff is power washing the Welcome Signs on the East and West ends of town. After some minor repairs have been completed, they will get a new coat of paint.

- **Building Maintenance:** (1) All the lights of the Community Development Building have been changed over from the old T-12 to the new T-8 lamps. (2) The Contractor has started work on the windows behind the Utility Building. (3) The park benches at the City Hall and Golf Course Pro Shop have been rebuilt and returned to their respective locations.
- The Public Works Department is looking for a few volunteers to paint the last three mill displays on Central Avenue. We also have some other community projects for civic clubs, students in need of required community service hours or a retired person looking for something positive to do in their community. Contact the office at 983-1471 for more information.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Sunday night, HCSO initiated a vehicle pursuit for a felony arrest. The vehicle came off the highway and fled deep into North side neighborhoods. Our officers attempted to clear the way, but it became quickly evident it was too dangerous and officers wisely ended the chase. Thanks in part to assistance from citizens pointing out the suspect's direction of travel, officers were soon able to locate and apprehend the driver safely. He was transported to HC Jail.
- Subsequent to a traffic stop, Officer Hodge made a huge drug bust. He confiscated more than 50 Oxycodone pills and 198 Xanax pills. An excellent trafficking arrest. This arrest alone prevented a huge amount of poison from hitting the streets of our community. Well done Officer Hodge!
- Officers responded to a 4 wheeler accident at Del Rio and San Gabriel. The operator received moderate injury. Upon his release for medical treatment, he will be charged with DUI and Driving with a Suspended License.
- Patrol Officers made two other Felony level drug arrests and numerous street level drug arrests this week. They are showing great effort and initiative.
- Following is a brief "numerical" synopsis of specific activities during the week:
 - 1112** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 601** Complaints Investigated
 - 27** Arrests Made
 - 39** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation Issued
 - 71** Merchant Escorts provided
 - 27** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** Prior to the storm, identify the places around your home where you can shut off your gas, water and electricity. In an emergency, you might need to turn them off quickly.
- Water Sewer Activities

- Lift station maintenance: repaired valve at Alabama; repaired riser at Angler's; pulled pump for repairs, jetted line and installed new pump at Old South. Pumped down Health Department lift station.
- Inspected lift stations with representative from Florida Rural Water Association.
- Repaired water break at 326 E Arcade Avenue and assisted South Shore with water break.
- Replaced bad water valve at 527 E Ventura Avenue and made new tap at 813 Della Tobias.
- We have been checking manholes at 1:00 am for infiltration of ground water into sewer system.
- Electric Activities
 - Replaced overhead service at 738 Bond and repaired an underground service at 236 E Arcade Avenue.
 - Replaced secondary span on Crescent Drive.
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area.
 - Cut tree in Harlem.
 - Placed banners at the lake and flags on US 27.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.